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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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the specification of which

is attached hereto

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(if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	YES	NO
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AND EXCLUSION OF INVENTORS UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.71**

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